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WASHINGTON, April 22, 1986 -- Orders for new freight cars in March totaled 1,252, compared with 1,475 in February and 1,553 in March 1985, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Total orders for the first three months of the year came to 3,227, compared with 2,606 at the same time last year.

Cars placed in service in March totaled 624, compared with 544 in February and 868 in March 1985. Total deliveries through the first three months of this year were 1,611, compared with 2,921 at the same time a year ago.

As of April 1, a total of 3,375 cars were on order but undelivered, compared with 2,747 on March 1, and 4,629 on April 1, 1985. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 2,646, compared with 4,239 last year.

The AAR also reported that 37 locomotives were placed in service in March, compared with 10 in February and 48 in March of last year.

As of April 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 199, compared with 224 on March 1, and 273 on April 1, 1985.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on April 1 was 22,500, compared with 22,591 on March 1, and 23,856 on April 1 a year ago.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	March		February	Three Months	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
Built New by Car Builders	574	868	544	1,561	2,585
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	336
Built New - Total	574	868	544	1,561	2,921
Rebuilt	50	0	0	50	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	624	868	544	1,611	2,921
Locomotives	37	48	10	58	97

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,252	1,553	1,425	3,177	2,606
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,252	1,553	1,425	3,177	2,606
To be rebuilt	0	0	50	50	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,252	1,553	1,475	3,227	2,606

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	April 1		March 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
To be built New by Car Builders	3,375	4,559	2,697	2,629	4,169
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	70	0	0	70
To be built New - Total	3,375	4,629	2,697	2,629	4,239
To be rebuilt	0	0	50	17	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,375	4,629	2,747	2,646	4,239
Locomotives	199	273	224	190	254

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